

## **Fact Sheet on 2008 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI): Nonprofit Security Grant Program**

**Overview:** The 2008 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program provides funding support for target hardening activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of international terrorist attack. While this funding is provided specifically to high-risk nonprofit organizations, the program seeks to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader state and local preparedness efforts. It is also designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, State and local government agencies, and Citizen Corps Councils. Virginia localities participate in three Urban Area Security Initiatives: Hampton Roads, Richmond Area and National Capital Region. This fact sheet applies to the Richmond UASI only.

**Program Requirements:** The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) is the designated State Administrative Agency and will be responsible applying for and administering the funds. VDEM will submit to the Dept. of Homeland Security (via Grants.gov) the application for funding no later than April 28, 2008. VDEM has already met all the requirements to successfully submit a grant through the Grants.gov portal. All applicants receiving funds from this grant program will be given 24 months in which to expend all funds and will be required to complete all program and fiscal audit reporting as established by the DHS grant guidance and VDEM's Grants Management Office.

### **Allowable Expenses and Match Requirement:**

Equipment: Allowable costs are focused on target hardening activities. Funding can be used to purchase and install security equipment on real property (including buildings and improvements) owned or leased by the nonprofit organization, specifically in prevention of and/or protection against the risk of a terrorist attack.

Training: Nonprofit organization security personnel may use the funds to attend security-related training courses and programs. Allowable training topics are limited to the protection of CI/KR, including physical and cyber security, target hardening, and terrorism awareness/employee preparedness.

Allowable training-related costs are limited to attendance fees for the training, and related expenses, such as materials, supplies, and/or equipment. Overtime, backfill, and/or travel expenses are not allowable costs.

Match: Grant recipients must meet a 75 percent Federal-25 percent grantee soft match. Grantee contributions must be from non-Federal sources. For all costs other than training, the grantee's match may be met through cash, training investments related to use of equipment purchased with the grant, or training investments related to general purpose security and emergency preparedness for staff. In the case of training projects, awardees must meet the matching requirement through cash.

**Eligible Applicants:** Nonprofit organizations (as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code) that are at **high risk of international terrorist attack** and are located **within** the Richmond UASI. Richmond UASI includes the counties of Amelia, Caroline, Charles City, Chesterfield, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, King and Queen, King William, Louisa, New Kent, Powhatan, Prince George and Sussex as well as the Cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Petersburg and Richmond.

Non-profit organizations will be considered eligible if they can identify that they are at high risk of terrorist attack using substantiated documentation such as:

- Previous and substantiated threats or attacks toward the nonprofit or closely-related organization by a terrorist organization;
- Symbolic value of a site as a highly recognized national or historical institution that renders it a possible terrorist target;
- Organization's role in responding to or recovering from terrorist attacks; and
- Organization's credible threat or vulnerability, as well as the potential consequences of an attack, as determined by a previously conducted risk assessment.

**Application Evaluation and Prioritization Process:** First, applications will be reviewed and prioritized by the Richmond Area Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) in coordination with the local Citizen Corps Council and the VDEM. Application meeting the evaluation criteria and approved by the UAWG, Citizen Corps Council and the SAA will be submitted in priority order to the Dept. of Homeland Security for review and award determinations. DHS will use a panel of evaluators from across DHS, including components within the Office of Infrastructure Protection (e.g., Risk Management Division, Office of Bombing Prevention), the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (as applicable), and the Office of Intelligence and Analysis to determine which applications will be awarded funding and the level of funding to award.

Evaluation criteria include such items as:

- Documentation of 501(c)(3) status and National Incident Command System (NIMS) compliance
- Identification and substantiation of prior threats or attacks (within or outside the U.S.) by a terrorist organization, network, or cell against the applicant
- Symbolic value of the site(s) as a highly recognized national or historical institution that renders the site a possible target of terrorism
- Proximity of the nonprofit organization to identified CI/KR
- Role of the applicant nonprofit organization in responding to terrorist attacks
- Findings from previously conducted threat, vulnerability and/or consequence assessments
- Integration of nonprofit preparedness with broader state and local preparedness efforts to include coordination with the Citizen Corps Council
- Complete, feasible investment justifications that address an identified risk, including threat, vulnerability or consequence

The applications must utilize the DHS Investment Justification Template. In order to assist eligible non-profit entities in completing this template, an Orientation Meeting will be offered (attendance is optional). This meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the grant priorities, nonprofit eligibility, review the Investment Justification Template, the evaluation criteria and answer questions. Pre-registration is required for this meeting.

**Timelines:**

Orientation Meeting	March 25, 2008
Application Deadline	April 11, 2008
UAWG and SAA Evaluation	April 16, 2008
Final Application Edited	April 22, 2008
Submission to DHS	April 28, 2008
Reviewed by DHS	TBD

**RSVP for the Orientation Meeting to**

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The FEMA Grant Guidance and Investment Justification Template can be found at  
<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/uasi/index.shtm>